

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

**70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660**

WORKSESSION NOTES

October 21, 1999

A Worksession of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall 70 Maple Street

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Fortier, Kristie Harless, Bob Hornkohl, John Lakos, Phil Picardat, Tony Slawinski, Tim Stefanik, Roger Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Serocki

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Seng (President, Manistee Area Public School Board), John Soltes, Jack Owens, Denise Mikula (City of Manistee), and Jon R. Rose (Community Development)

Worksession began at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL CITIZENRY:

None

WORKSESSION:

Manistee Area Public Schools - New High School

Ed Seng, President of the Manistee Area Public Schools School Board presented the plans for the new High School. Manistee Area Public Schools owns property on the South Side of Twelfth Street (Filer Charter Township). The School has asked Filer Charter Township to allow them to annex their property into the City of Manistee. The reason for annexation is as a property owner in the City the Police Department will be allowed provide services i.e. School Liaison Officer, DARE Officer etc.

Different locations for the main entrance were discussed as being either Tamarack, Oak or Twelfth Streets. The Planning Commission would like to see 66' right-of-way. The School needs to obtain property or easements from private property owners since Twelfth Street is not completely platted. This will involve both City of Manistee and Filer Charter Township property owners.

John Soltes and Jack Owens property owners on Twelfth Street asked questions regarding the increase in traffic and the current width of Twelfth Street west of Maple. Mr. Seng spoke of the plan to contact property owners regarding the purchase of property for the roadway. Tentative schedule is for drawings to be finalized in January, public hearing will be held in January, bid letting in February with groundbreaking in May 2000.

At this time the School has no plans for the old Junior High Building. The current estimate for demolition of the building is \$480,000. This money was not included in the recent school millage. The school will either need to ask for millage money to demolish the building or leave the building vacant or offer the building to another organizations for \$1.00 but will not put any money into fixing the building.

A question regarding the storm water retention areas for parking lot run off creating any possible groundwater contamination for the City Municipal Water Wells. The School will be using City Water and will make sure no problem would be created.

Mr. Seng will update the City as the project progresses.

Accessory Structure - Height Variance Requests

The Zoning Board of Appeals has received numerous requests for a variance to increase the height of an accessory structure. Reasons for the request include architectural compatibility, wanting storage, larger vehicles and boats. The Zoning Board of Appeals ask that the Planning Commission review the current language in the ordinance to determine if a change is necessary.

The Planning Commission discussed proposed changes that will be drafted for a public hearing at the November 4, 1999 meeting.

Citizen Survey

Dr. Jim Hill, Central Michigan University will be conducting the Citizen Survey for the City of Manistee. Dr. Hill has requested a test group to assist in tuning the phone survey. Jon Rose asked members of the Planning Commission if they would consider being test subjects. Members of the Planning Commission agreed and will be called to take the survey.

Ribbon Cutting - North Beach Access

Jon Rose invited members of the Planning Commission to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that will take place next week at the new North Beach Access to Lake Michigan. Members will receive a notification once plans are in place.

By Laws

Each member of the Planning Commission has been given a copy of the current By Laws for their review. A review of the By-Laws was done by the Members. Jon Rose will update the By-Laws for the Commission to finalize at the November 4, 1999 meeting.

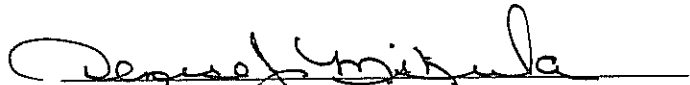
Master Plan

Members of the Planning Commission attended a Master Plan seminar held at Filer Charter Township Hall on September 30, 1999. The Planning Commission will begin reviewing sections of the current master plan to start begin an update.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the worksession closed at 8:53 p.m.

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Denise J. Mikula, Acting as Secretary

